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LETTER DATED 18 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter from the Iranian Permanent Representative to the United Nations contained in document S/1994/719 of 17 June 1994, which alleges that a number of elements hostile to the Iranian regime crossed into Iranian territory in the area of Ein-Ghazal on 4 June 1994, killed two Iranian soldiers and captured a sergeant and three other soldiers, I wish to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Iraq formally denies these allegations.

By means of these allegations, Iran is seeking to divert attention from its repeated incursions and arbitrary practices against Iraqi vessels in the Shatt al-Arab, including the seizure of Iraqi fishing-boats and the killing of innocent fishermen. Iran is also constantly violating the provisions of the cease-fire agreement between the two countries along the length of the border, committing repeated breaches of the Tehran agreement concerning a separation zone and conducting armed military patrols in the Shatt al-Arab in defiance of this agreement.

In communicating this official denial to you, I wish to refer to my letter No. 1/6/134 of 1 July 1994. This letter mentioned the danger posed by the recent increase in Iranian violations, thus refuting Iran's groundless assertions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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